

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending, of which claims 2-10 and 15-31 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1, 12 and 13 have been amended. Claim 32 has been added. Support for the amendments and the new claim is found, for example, at FIG. 13 and the corresponding description in the specification. No new matter has been entered.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim (US 2002/0170778). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Applicants respectfully submit that Kim fails to disclose that the cylindrical hollow portion is formed in a sleeve being substantially cylindrical and comprising an upper face having a path hole through which the oil flows, as recited by amended claim 1. In this regard, the Examiner's attention is directed to, for example, reference numeral 1243 (a sleeve, i.e., cylindrical hollow portion) and 1248 (a path hole) in FIG. 13. It is clear that the alleged cylindrical hollow portion 150 (sleeve 111) in Kim does not have an upper face (see, FIGS. 5 and 7 of Kim) having a path hole. Applicants also submit that the alleged upper face 123 of Kim does not have a path hole.

As such, it is clear that, at a minimum, Kim fails to disclose the above discussed limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, Kim does not anticipate claim 1 or any claim dependent thereon. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

New Claim

Since new claim 32 depends on claim 1, this claim is also patentable. Further, since Kim fails to disclose a screw, claim 32 is patentable for its own merit in addition to the dependency upon claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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